What is claimed is:

1. A method of erecting utility poles comprising the steps of:

fabricating a plurality of tubular sections of utility poles each having at least a portion tapered;

the diameter of at least one of said plurality of tubular sections being larger than the diameter of another;

bringing the tubular sections to a site for erection;

pulling the tubular sections together with an apparatus that provides short repeated pulling strokes without manually adjusting said apparatus between strokes; and erecting the utility pole.

2. A method in accordance with claim1 in which the step of pulling the tubular sections together comprises the steps of:

attaching at least one hydraulic cylinder having a piston rod to at least a first section of a utility pole;

attaching a bracket to a second section of utility pole;

connecting the piston rod of the cylinder to an arm;

connecting the arm to the bracket;

pulling the first and second sections together by activating the hydraulic cylinder to change the position of said arm; and

resetting a position of said arm during one of an extension and retraction of said piston rod.

- 3. A method in accordance with claim 2 further including the step of resetting said arm.
- 4. A method in accordance with claim 3 in which the step of resetting includes the step of moving said arm away from a gripping member and dropping it onto the gripping member.
 - 5. A method of pulling sections of utility poles together, comprising the steps of: attaching an apparatus that provides short repeated pulling strokes to a first section; attaching a bracket to a second section;

connecting the apparatus that provides repeated pulling strokes to bracket, whereby the first and second sections are pulled together; when the apparatus is performing a pulling stroke; and

resetting the apparatus without manually adjusting said apparatus between pulling strokes.

6. A method in accordance with claim 5 in which the step of pulling the tubular sections together comprises the steps of:

attaching at least one hydraulic cylinder having a piston rod to at least a first

section of a utility pole;

attaching a bracket to a second section of utility pole;

connecting the piston rod of the cylinder to an arm;

connecting the arm to the bracket;

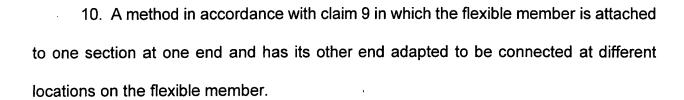
pulling the first and second sections together by activating the hydraulic cylinder to change the position of said arm; and

resetting a position of said arm during one of an extension and retraction of said piston rod.

- 7. A method in accordance with claim 6 further including the step of resetting said arm.
- 8. A method in accordance with claim 7 in which the step of resetting includes the step of moving said arm away from a gripping member and dropping it onto the gripping member.
 - 9. A method of erecting a utility pole comprising the steps of: fabricating tubular sections;

bringing the tubular sections to a site for erecting the telephone pole;

pulling the sections together with short repeated strokes by manually adjusting the position of a flexible member connecting a tug bracket and a pull arm; and erecting the utility pole.



- 11. Apparatus for pulling two sections of utility poles together comprising:
- a hydraulic pump;
- at least one hydraulic cylinder;
- at least one bracket;
- at least one arm;

said arm being connected at one end to a piston rod of said at least one hydraulic cylinder and at the other end to the bracket whereby the sections may be pulled together.

- 12. The apparatus of claim 11 in which at least one of said bracket and arm has a plurality of cam surfaces adapted to move the tug arm to a height where it can clear the tug bracket and a plurality of gripping means for connecting to said bracket on a retraction stroke of said hydraulic cylinder.
 - 13. Apparatus for pulling two sections of a utility pole together comprising:
 - a hydraulic pump;
 - a hydraulic cylinder;
 - a tug bracket;
 - a flexible member having one end connected to the tug bracket and the other end

connected to a piston of the hydraulic cylinder;

the length of said flexible member between the piston and the tug bracket being adjustable, whereby on an extension stroke the flexible member can be adjusted and on a retraction stroke, the sections are pulled together.